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POETRY.

THE FLIGHT OF THE EYE—By J. G. FENCIVAL.

Faintly flow, then falling river,
Like a dream that dies away;
Down to ocean gliding ever,
Keep thy calm untroubled way;
Time with such silent motion,
Flows along, on wings of air,
Tethered to dark ocean;
Burying all its treasures there.

Roses bloom, and then they wither;
Cheeks are bright, then fade and die;
Shapes of light are waited hither—
Then like visions hurry by;
Quick as clouds at evening driven
O'er the many-colored west,
Years are bearing us to heaven,
Home of happiness and rest.

ORGAN GRINDING.—Holmes, the poet, writing of the old style of organ-grinders who used to afflict the nerves, says in his inimitable style:

You think you are crusaders sent
From some infernal engine;
To pluck the eyes of Sentiment,
And crack the tale of rhyme,
To dock the voice of Melody,
And break the legs of Time,
But hark! the air again is still,
The music all is ground,
And silence, like a poet's, comes
To heal the blows of sound;
It cannot be—it is not—
A hat is going round.

MISCELLANY.

THE MOTHER'S PROPHECY

BY MRS. JULIA C. R. DORR.

CHAPTER I.

It was a cold, wintry night in the winter of 179—. The tall pine that had climbed to the highest summits of the Green Mountains, beneath the rushing of the blast; and as the wind careered among their branches, gave out moans and shrieks that seemed in the darkness like the wailing of woe. Ever and anon the air would be filled with the particles of ice and snow, and the cold, stifling gleaming of the moon, as it occasionally emerged from behind a cloud, only served to make the scene more desolate, as the tall, gaunt shadows were rendered distinctly visible.

But in the quiet little valley that lay nestling at the very foot of one of the tallest peaks, there were no traces of storm. The strife of the elements disturbed not its repose, for the encircling mountains bent over it lovingly, and kept back all fates that might harass this—the pet lamb that rested in their embrace.

A single farm-house, rudely constructed of logs, stood beneath the shadow of forest-trees; and, indeed, but few of those ancient dwellers in the valley had as yet bowed their haughty heads at the stroke of the woodman's axe—Every thing around the little dwelling betokened that it was the abode of one of the hardy pioneers who had left the sunny banks of the Connecticut for a home amid the wilds of Vermont. But there was a ruddy light gleaming from the small window, that spoke lovingly of peace and comfort within; and occasionally the sound of woman's voice singing a low, soft lullaby fell dreamily upon the ear; or, rather, might have done so, had there been an ear to listen.

In the principal apartment of the house—the one that served alike for kitchen and parlor, sat Andrew Gordon and his fair and gentle wife—Amy. A bright-eyed boy, apparently about four years old, played upon the nicely-sanded floor, and in the mother's arms lay a babe, very lovely, but very frail, upon whose face the eyes of Amy Gordon dwelt with a long, yearning gaze. Few words were spoken by the little group. The husband and father sat gazing thoughtfully upon the glowing embers, while the wife rocked the child that was cradled upon her breast; and little Frederick silently built his "cub-house," stopping now and then to gaze with a pensive eye the progress of his work, or uttering an exclamation of disappointment as the tottering fabric fell to the floor.

There was an air of refinement about the mother and mistress of that little domain, that contrasted somewhat strangely with their rude home and its appointments. The dress of the wife, although coarse and plain, was arranged so tastefully, so gently, as the young ladies of the present day would say, that would scarcely have noted its texture, or the absence of ornament. Her slight figure, and the faint color upon her cheek, spoke of a delicacy of constitution hardly suited for the hard-labor and trials of an emigrant's life; but

the mock light within her eye, her calm, broad forehead, and the slight smile that lingered upon her lip, told that she possessed that truest of all strength—the strength of mind and heart.

There was something in the face of Andrew Gordon that, to a close observer, was not exactly pleasing; and yet you could not have denied that it was a very handsome face—quite sufficiently so to warrant the unmistakable look of admiration that his wife occasionally cast upon it. Intellect was there—courage was there—firmness of purpose, and a resolute will; and there was a depth of affection in his eye whenever it dwelt upon the group around him that proved him the possessor of a kindly heart. Perhaps it was some early disappointment—some real or fancied wrong—some never-to-be-forgotten act of harshness or injustice on the part of another that, once in a while, cast such a shadow over his fine face, and gave such a bitter expression to his well-formed mouth.

For half an hour they remained as he had pictured them above; and then the mother tenderly placed her little one upon the bed that stood in one corner of the room—cradles were a luxury unknown in those days—and glancing at the clock that pointed to the hour of eight, said:

"Come, Frederick, put away your cobs, dear. It is bed-time for little boys."

"Oh, I wish it wouldn't be eight o'clock so soon when I am making cobs," replied the child; "just wait one minute, mamma, until I make a chimney—then my house will be done. There, now— isn't it a nice one?"

So saying, Freddy gave the finishing touch to his edifice—looked at it admiringly for a moment, then giving it a light pressure with his hand, his eye-lids were closed, and he fell asleep. Laughing heartily at the havoc he had made, he hastily gathered the cobs in a basket near him, and sprang to his mother's side.

Ah, Freddy, Freddy! how like you are to us, a "child of larger growth," who tails, month after month, year after year, building a temple, it may be to love, or wealth, or fame; and then, when it is nearly or quite completed, by a single false step, or a single ill-regulated action, destroys the shrine he has been rearing with so much care and labor! But here the similitude ceases. You laugh and clap your hands in childish glee at the downfall of your house, he sits down desolate and alone by the ruin he has made, and mourns over hopes and prospects buried beneath it.

Thoughts somewhat like these may have passed through the mind of Andrew Gordon, for there was a cloud upon his brow, as he watched his wife while she undressed the playful child, and smoothed his dark curls preparatory to the night's repose. Then kneeling by her side, and folding his little prayer—a child's prayer of love and faith, asking God's blessing upon those dearest to him—his father, mother, and little sister, and his care and protection through the night.

"Now I must kiss papa good-night," said the little boy; "and then, mamma, want you please to sit by me, and tell me a pretty little story? I will shut my eyes up, and go right to sleep so quick if you will."

The good-night kisses were exchanged; Frederick snuggled closely in his soft, warm pillow, and true to his promise, closed his eyes, while his mother, in a low, soothing voice, told him a story of the birds and beasts and flowers. Presently he was fast asleep, and pressing the tenderest of kisses upon his rosy cheek, Amy returned to her seat by the fire-side.

"Dear little fellow! how sweetly he sleeps," said she, moving her chair as she spoke nearer to her husband. "I wonder what the future hath laid up in store for him," she continued, musingly, with her eyes fixed upon the bright blaze that went roaring and crackling up the broad chimney. "And yet if the book of fate were laid open before me, I should fear to turn to the page on which his destiny is inscribed."

"I hope, at any rate, that the word 'wealth' is written there," said Andrew Gordon, speaking for the first time since he had taken his wonted seat by the fire that evening. "I am not a very great believer in books of fate or in irrevocable destiny. Man makes his own destiny, with some little help from others—and Frederick shall be a rich man before he dies, if my exertions are of any avail."

"He may be taken from us, even in childhood, Andrew," and the mother's eye turned anxiously towards the little bed, as if the bare thought of death was enough to awaken her solicitude. "I would rather he would be great than rich—and good than either."

"He will be great if he is rich—that is, he will have influence, and be looked up to; and as for goodness—pshaw! who ever heard of a rich man's doing wrong?" he continued, with that bitter smile, of which we have before spoken, casting his thin lip. "If a man possesses wealth, he may oppress the poor, strip the widow and the fatherless of their last penny, cheat his neighbors, and rob his own brother—but if it is all right!"

"Then may God grant that our boy may never be a rich man, Andrew," said his wife, solemnly. "But you speak too bitterly, dearest. Your own misfortunes have made you unreasonable upon this point." And Amy lifted, carelessly, the dark locks that fell over her husband's high forehead.

"Unreasonable, Amy! Have I not cause to speak bitterly? Have I not been defrauded of my just rights? Have I not been robbed—yes,

literally robbed of the fortune my father left me when I was too young to know its value! Can I forget that or, one of my own high and kind, too, lives in the dwelling of my forefathers, and calls their broad lands his, when he knows, and I know, and the world knows, that I am the rightful heir? Can I forget all this, and that I am here?" he added, glancing contemptuously round upon the rough walls of his cottage. "And you, too, Amy—you, who were born and reared in a home of luxury—you, whose presence would grace the proudest drawing-room in the land; you, whom I won and won before I dreamed that I was to tread a path like this, and yet, and I that you are, you who have never breathed a word of reproach, or a syllable of complaint, your home, too, is here in this rude cabin!"—and the proud man bowed his head, and something that looked strangely like a tear, glittered in a moment in the twilight.

"But you are here with me in this rude cabin as you will it, dearest, you and our little ones; and how many times must I tell you that I would rather be here, provided I am by your side; than to sit upon the throne of the Indies without you? I believe you say these things," she continued, playfully, kissing his flushed brow as she spoke, for she would fain have won him back to more cheerful thoughts, "I believe you say these things just for the sake of hearing me tell you over and over again how dearly I love you, and how happy I am with you. Is it not so, darling?"

But Andrew Gordon was not to be cheered even by the tender caresses of his wife. His mind would dwell upon themes, the contemplation of which was destroying his peace of mind, and fast changing his very nature.

"I tell you, Amy," he said, rising and pacing the apartment with a hurried step, "I tell you, Amy, I will be rich, and Frederick shall be as rich as I, richer, than if his father had not been cheated out of his inheritance. 'Think,' he added, with a flashing eye, 'what they have trampled me in the very dust; but they cannot keep me there. I will be rich and influential; and as soon as Fred is old enough to learn the lesson, I will teach him how to make money, and how to keep it, too.'"

"No, no, Andrew—spare me that last blow, I implore you," said Amy, and tears were rapidly chasing each other down her pale cheeks. "If you will give up your whole mind and soul to the pursuit of wealth, as you have done for the last two years—if you will coin your very heart's blood for gold, and allow this feverish thirst for gain to become, as it were, the very essence of your being, spare me this last blow. Teach not this lesson to our child. Teach him to be prudent, industrious, economical as you will, and my example and teachings shall be added to your own; but impress not upon his young mind the doctrine that the acquisition of wealth is the chief end of his existence, and his possession the chief source of man's enjoyment. Just as surely as you do me misery in store for him, a mother's heart is a prophetic heart, and I repeat it just as surely as you do, misery in store for him and you; just so surely will his son and yours set in darkness and gloom. Oh, Andrew, Andrew! for your own sake—for my sake—for the sake of these precious ones," she added, drawing him to the couch where their children lay, "cease this struggle that is wearing your life away, and changing you so greatly, that at times I can scarcely recognize the Andrew of my early love."

The fire upon the hearth had burned low; but, at that moment, a broad, ruddy glow filled the room, and Andrew Gordon stood with his eyes fixed steadily upon